Development of Tourist Hubs in Orissa

157. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has identified Golden Triangle of Puri-Konark-Bhubaneswar for transforming the cicuit into a major tourist draw;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to develop the various Tourist hubs in Orissa to improve the ecomomy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 720.09 lakh during 2005-06 for Integrated Development of Bhubaneswar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark Tourist Circuit in Orissa.

(c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Adminisrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Produce/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Assistance to large revenue generating Projects. Project proposals that are complete in all respect are approved on the basis of inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

A list of the projects for which Central financial assistance has been sanctioned in the last three years is enclosed as per Statement.

Statement

ANNEXURE

Projects sanctioned to the State of Orissa during the Years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned
	2003-04	
1.	Konark Festival	5.00
2.	Development of Puri as a Tourist destination	394.55
3.	Rajrani Music Festival	5.00
4.	Buddha Mahotsav	10.00
5.	Folk Dance Festivals	5.00
	TOTAL	**419.55**
	2004-05	
1.	Development of Peace Park and Amphitheater at Dhauli (Distt. Khurda)	488.51
2.	Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orrisa-Development of facilities at Lalitgiri, Ratnagir, Udaigiri and Langudi under Tourist Circuit	740.67
3.	Shreekshetra Vasant Festival at Puri	15.00
4.	Kheravala Festival, 2004-05	5.00
5.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Pipli in Puri Distt.	20.00
6.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Raghurajpur in Puri Distt	22.00
7.	Development of village Pipli in Puri Distt.	50.00
	TOTAL	**1341.18**

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned
	2005-06	
1.	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam)	331.43
2.	Development of Sakhi Gopal (Distt. Puri)	294.04
3.	Development of Taptapani in Distt Ganjam as Tourist Destination	500.00
4.	Development of Chilka Lake in Distt. Puri and Ganjam as Tourist Destination	389.05
5.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark	720.09
6.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, Distt. Mayurbhanj	50.00
7.	Shreekshetra Festival at Puri	15.00
8.	Prui Beach Festival, 2005	4.00
9.	Konark Festival, 2005	3.00
10.	Rajrani Festival, 2005 at Bhubaneswar	3.00
	TOTAL	230961

Star Hotels in Orissa

158. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has signed an MoU with a Hotel Company for setting up Star hotels in the State to boost tourism in this heritage regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to help this backward State in their initiative to improve the ecomomy of this region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Three MoU's have been signed between Govt. of Orissa and M/s Roots Corporation Ltd., Mumbai, M/s Laxmi Franklin Hospitality Pvt. Baroda (Gujarat) and M/s UMAK Investment Company Ltd., New Delhi for setting up Star Hotels in Orissa.